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SUBJ: PRESS PLAY ON NATO SUMMIT MEETING; PRES. FORD-PMVASCO
GONCALVES TALKS

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1. MAY 31 LISBON MORNING PRESS PLAY ON NATO SUMMIT MEETING CONTINUED FRONT PAGE INCLUDING PORTPM VASCO GONCALVES' STATEMENTS OF HOPE THAT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WOULD PERMIT DISMANTLING OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT MILITARY BLOCS AND THAT GOP FOREIGN POLICY IN NO WAY EXCLUDES PORTUGAL FROM FULFILLING NATO COMMITMENTS. BOTH SECULO AND DIARIO DE NOTICIAS PUBLISHED NATO FINAL COMMUNIQUE, AND SECULO POINTED OUT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO PORTUGAL. SAME PAPER PRINTED NATO SECLUNS STATEMENT OF SATISFACTION THAT PORTUGAL DECIDED TO REMAIN IN NATO. DN STATED THAT PORTUGUESE POLITICAL EVOLUTION WAS MAKING AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO DETENTE. BOTH PAPERS HIGHLIGHTED VASCO GONCALVES SATISFACTION WITH OPPORTUNITY "TO CORRECT FOREIGN IMPRESSIONS ABOUT PORTUGUESE POLITICAL EVENTS" AND CALLED MEETINGS WITH WILSON AND TRUDEAU ESPECIALLY WARM AND FRIENDLY. DN REPORTED STRAIGHTFORWARDLY AND WITHOUT COMMENTARY, INSIDE PAGES, SECKISSINGER'S ANSWERS TO JOURNALISTS ON EFFECTS ON NATO OF SPECIAL AGREEMENTS MADE BY MEMBER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS PRES. FORD'S REMARKS ABOUT PORTUGAL, IF DOMINATED BY COMMUNISTS, BEING INCOMPATIBLE WITH NATO OBJECTIVES.

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2. SAMPLE HEADLINES FOLLOW: SECULO, "VASCO GONCALVES DEFENDS
DETENTE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS"; DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, "VASCO
GONCALVES REQUESTS IN BRUSSELS ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY WITH
PORTUGAL."

3. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON LISBON PRESS REPEATED FORNTPAGE TREATMENT
ACCORDED SUBJECT MEETING BY MORNING PRESS INCLUDING COMMENTS ABOUT
VASCO GONCALVES CALMING PRES. FORD ABOUT PORTUGUESE POLITICAL
EVOLUTION. DIARIO DE LISBOA ALSO CARRIED PRES. FORD'S STATEMENT
THAT U.S. WOULD REMAIN FAITHFUL TO ITS NATO COMMITMENTS, COMMENTING
THAT HIS DECLARATION "DISSIPATED FEARS U.S. MIGHT VACILATE IN ITS
NATO COMMITMENTS FOLLOWING DEFEAT OF ITS POLICY IN INDOCHINA."
CAPITAL SAID THAT MEETING WENT WELL DESPITE PRES. FORD'S
RECENT DECLARATIONS "LATER CORRECTED BY KISSINGER" ABOUT
PORTUGAL NOT BEING A TRUSTED NATO MEMBER. WITH REFERENCE TO
DETENTE, PAPER REPORTED THAT "VG EMPHASIZED GOP WISHES TO
PROCEED RAPIDLY TO FIND WAYS TO UNDO THE BLOCS PRESENTLY
TROUBLING EUROPE AND THE WORLD."

4. SAMPLE HEADLINES FOLLOW: DL, "VASCO GONCALVES SPEAKS AT NATO";
CAPITAL, "VASCO GONCALVES ASSURES PORTUGAL'S PRESENCE IN
NATO." JORDAN

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